MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Montre' Freeman, City Manager
Dwan Bell, Public Utilities Director

Date: May 5, 2023

Re: Discussion / Consideration - Alternate Traffic Calming Methods via Speed Humps

BACKGROUND:

On October 25, 2021, the City Council unanimously voted to add speed bumps at six locations on Church and Main Streets after residents had long complained and urged the Council to address excessive speeding.

Overall installation of speed bumps appears to have had a positive impact over the last 19 months and its purpose served. Interim Chief Webster reminded the Council that the results of the West Church Street traffic study had been presented on April 10th, 2023, at which time the Council directed staff to move forward with a community meeting. Police officers walked West Church Street to alert residents of the impending meeting. On April 19th, staff, Councilors, and community members met at Pete Hooker Park for the meeting. Twenty-three community members came to the meeting. The general consensus of those living in the West Church Street was concern about traffic and the desire for traffic calming measures. There were also concerns about spillover traffic due to traffic treatments.

Mayor Pro Tem Spence tasked Director Bell to look into another type of speed hump/bump and bring it back to the Council.

ANALYSIS:

Director Bell reached out to four local asphalt companies multiple times via email and telephone for fixed asphalt pricing estimates for speed humps without response. Continuous efforts will be made to obtain pricing for a permanent solution; however, quotes were received for the mobile or temporary speed humps.

Specs are as follows:

14Lx21Wx3" speed table w/arrows $5,789.00 x 4EA totaling $24,156.00

14Lx33Wx3" speed table w/arrows $8,421.00 x 2EA totaling $16,842.00

Before Tax Total **$40,998.00**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, approve or advise Public Utilities on further traffic calming measures as cited above.